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Campus Highlights

Free back-to-school show by UAB Marching Blazers Aug. 13

The UAB Marching Blazers will present a free band camp show at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, to celebrate the start of a new school year. The 170 student-strong UAB Marching Blazers includes musicians, color guard, Blazerettes and majorettes. The band will perform all of the school songs, including the Fight Song and "Blazer Victory," as well as "Rock and Roll," "Land of 100 Dances" and more, says UAB Director of Bands Sue Samuels.

UAB freshmen set to move in Aug. 13; classes begin Aug. 16

Scores of volunteers representing nearly 30 UAB student organizations will help the new class of more than 1,000 freshmen move into residence halls, says UAB Director of Student Housing Marc Booker.

New freshmen treated to free shows at UAB's Alys Stephens Center

Every incoming freshman will receive the Alys Stephens Center Freshman Arts Card, redeemable for two complimentary tickets for shows happening on campus this season. The card will be distributed Aug. 15 when students are at the Alys Stephens Center for the Freshman Discussion Book Program. Each Freshman Arts Card must be activated at the ASC Box Office with valid student ID. Call 975-2787 or visit www.AlysStephens.org.

Sterne Library to open longer beginning Aug. 16

In response to student requests, the library will continue to open at 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and now will be open until 2 a.m. Sunday through Thursday. Sterne Library's first floor North Wing will be available all times the library is open. After midnight, the circulation desk will continue to provide services. Group study rooms, individual study areas, computers, WiFi, printers, copiers and browsing periodicals will be available at all hours. The library will continue its current schedule for Friday and Saturday, except during exams. You can always see the week's hours on the Sterne Library home page at www.mhsl.uab.edu.

Initial payment deadline changed for fall

Students who initially register between Aug. 6 and 12 must pay 50 percent of their account balance by Aug. 12. Awards for financial aid, scholarships or other forms of aid will be applied to student accounts prior to the Aug. 12 deadline. Failure to make this payment will result in cancellation of the student's class schedule. Students may view their account balance and pay online by visiting the [Account Summary by Term webpage](#).

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To learn more about the payment policy, visit www.uab.edu/whentopay.

Improved system, standardized schedule available spring 2012

In spring 2012, UAB will upgrade its scheduling software and implement a standard course schedule in order to provide students and faculty greater access to "smart" classrooms and help students and advisers better manage curriculum planning. Once the revised, standardized schedule and improved technology are implemented, UAB will be able to offer approximately twice as many courses in smart classrooms per semester; the new options will also help minimize conflicts between course offerings and make the process for requesting meeting space available via the web.

More students than ever calling UAB campus home

A record number of students will be moving into UAB residence halls this Saturday, and they and other students, faculty and staff will find campus abuzz with exciting events and opportunities, as President Carol Garrison discusses in her latest post at www.uab.edu/president/post.

Starting college can kick-start eating disorders, even in young men

The start of college can be one big stressor, marked by anxiety about finances, academics and relationships. It can be enough to push some people at risk of an eating disorder into the throes of the disease, according to Mary Boggiano, Ph.D. a UAB psychologist who specializes in eating disorders. "The stress and new freedom of eating on their own can put some at risk for eating disorders," she says. While eating disorders are most often associated with women, more than 1 million men in the United States have anorexia nervosa or bulimia nervosa, and almost as many men as women are binge-eaters.

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Information

Excess financial aid added to Blazer Bucks

Students who have \$50 or more in anticipated financial aid in excess of their student account balance on Aug. 12 will automatically receive that amount — up to \$500 — as a transfer to their BlazerBucks accounts. Students may use these funds at Barnes & Noble at UAB or any BlazerBucks vendor beginning Saturday, Aug. 13, three days before classes begin Aug. 16. Details, an opt-out form and extended bookstore hours are online at www.uab.edu/bucksforbooks.

Athletics wants Blazer Backers

Blazer Backers are a group of UAB students who serve as host for prospective student athletes when they visit the UAB campus or a UAB home football game. They have firsthand knowledge of the UAB campus life and all of the exciting things going on around Birmingham. Orientation for the group will be held at 7 p.m. Aug. 24 in Bartow Arena's Green & Gold Room and tryouts will be held Aug. 29-31. Direct questions to Mack Ingram at 996-7820 or macking@uab.edu.

SHP offers Fast OT program

How would you like to graduate with a bachelor's degree and a master's in five years instead of six or more? It's possible with the Fast OT program in the UAB School of Health Professions. The program enables students to earn a Bachelor of Science in Health Care Management in three years and a Master of Science in Occupational Therapy in two years.

UAB University Chorus wants you

The UAB University Chorus is a large, non-auditioned ensemble open to all in the UAB community — an opportunity for students who may wish to continue singing, but may not have the time to devote to an auditioned choral ensemble. The choir will present two concerts each semester. To participate, register for University Chorus, MU 210. For more information, contact Brian Kittredge at briank@uab.edu or 975-2599.

Aikido at UAB to present free introductory classes

Aikido at UAB will present free introductory classes Sept. 1-29. Aikido, a modern Japanese martial art with deep roots in Samurai tradition, is an excellent way for you to reach your fitness goals or for self-defense training. UAB employees, students and alumni are welcome. Classes will be held Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Campus Recreation Center. More information is online at www.utsusemiaikikai.com. Aikido at UAB and Utsusemi Aikikai are affiliated with Aikido Schools of Ueshiba (ASU).

SOPH offers first undergrad course

The Department of Environmental Health Sciences will offer its first undergrad course this fall — ENH400. Students will discuss biological and chemical terrorism, food and water contaminants, hazardous waste, medical radiation and drug waste and more. For more info, contact Dale Dickinson, Ph.D., at dadickin@uab.edu.

HOW TO GET YOUR NEWS REPORTED

Do you have news you want to share with UAB faculty and staff in either The eReporter or the UAB Reporter? Use the [Request Publicity](#) form online. Deadlines for the Tuesday and Friday eReporters are each Monday and Thursday at 10 a.m., respectively.

Graduate/Professional Students

School of Medicine to hold White Coat Ceremony Aug. 14

The UAB School of Medicine will hold this year's White Coat Ceremony for first-year medical students at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14 in the Alys Stephens Center.

Grad students: The Professional Development Program is for you

How can grad students speed time to degree and boost research productivity? By upgrading their research communications skills with carefully chosen elective courses. That's why the Professional Development Program in the UAB Graduate School offers graduate-level, credit courses in everything from grant writing to becoming an effective teaching assistant. This innovative program turns 20 years old this fall. Find out how it was developed, what faculty say about it, and what it offers graduate students and post-doctoral fellows in the way of

elective credits to support their academic and career development.

Improve your research with project management techniques

The UAB School of Business' highly successful Project Management course now is open to all graduate students (MBA 618 in [BlazerNET](#)). The course offers excellent instruction in project management and is perfect for researchers managing clinical trials as well as health care executives (and future health care executives). This is a hybrid online course with optional face-to-face Saturday sessions starting Aug. 16, after which students are qualified to take an exam for the Project Management Institute's Project Management Professional (PMP) certification. Register now on BlazerNET (MBA 618).

KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE GreenMail?

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Timelines & Deadlines

Aaron Lamar Jr Scholarship apps available Aug. 16

The applications for the Aaron Lamar Jr. Scholarship will be available on Aug. 16 and are due Sept. 16 to HUC Room 133. The applications can be picked up in HUC Rooms 110, 133, 136 or 440.

Campus Events

ASC to feature Justin Townes Earle tomorrow

Singer, songwriter and guitarist Justin Townes Earle will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11 in the new Alys Stephens Center series "Good Songs, Good People." Each ticket includes a commemorative cup and two craft brews to enjoy, and the pre-party will include food for sale by Jim 'N' Nick's. General admission tickets are \$29.50. Call 975-2787 or visit www.AlysStephens.org.

UOG to host Open House Aug. 18

University Optometric Group will host an Open House from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, giving the UAB community the opportunity to meet the practitioners at the UOG. Enter the drawing to win sunglasses, tickets to the Alys Stephens Center, year's supply of contact lenses and more.

World DMC Champ DJ Shiftee set to rock UAB Aug. 18

UAB students can get cool and back to school when world-renowned disc jockey DJ Shiftee visits campus for a free lecture, followed by an outrageously cool outdoor scratch demonstration at UAB's Visual Arts Gallery from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18.

Physical Therapy students ask: Are U ABle?

If you can walk, run or ride, then you are able to take part in the UAB Physical Therapy students' fifth annual "Are U ABle?" 5K and one-mile fun run/walk/ride race, Saturday, Aug. 20 at Homewood High School. The second-year physical therapy students hold the race each year to raise money for the Foundation for Physical Therapy, an organization devoted to

research to continue the development of evidence-based practice and improve the quality of care provided by physical therapists. The 5k race begins at 7:30 a.m., and the one-mile fun run/walk and wheelchair race start at 8:30 a.m. All racers will receive a T-shirt and prizes will be awarded. Race details and registration are available at www.areasable.org. Music, food and entertainment will follow the race.

Lister Hill to host Health Fest 2011

Don't miss Health Fest 2011 at Lister Hill Library Tuesday, Aug. 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vision, dental and hearing screenings will be offered, and you can get tested for HIV and sickle cell blood disease and see CPR demos. Find out what your blood pressure is and take the DPA Heart Health test. Take part in acupuncture graphing and donate to the blood drive. See cooking demonstrations and enjoy light refreshments. Check www.uab.edu/lister/events to see the complete list of health fair participants and vendors. For more information, call 934-2230.

UAB Young Alumni Chapter host cocktail mixer Aug. 25

The UAB National Alumni Society Young Alumni Chapter invites young alumni (age 30 and under) to a Networking Cocktail Mixer from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25 at the UAB National Alumni Society House. Enjoy complimentary cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Be sure to bring a good supply of your business cards for networking with other young professionals! Call 934-3555 or email awallace@uab.edu by Aug. 23 to RSVP.

CHECK ONLINE CALENDAR FOR LATEST EVENTS

The UAB Campus Calendar at www.uab.edu/calendar is updated daily with campus events, activities and deadlines, and the "Calendars" link on the UAB home page takes you straight there. Postings can include detailed information, photos and links to sites or related events. Check out the FAQs for more information.

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